

Purbrook Park School



Provider Access Policy Statement

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1. Aims

This policy statement aims to set out our school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students for the purpose of giving them information about their offer.

It sets out:

- Procedures in relation to requests for access
- The grounds for granting and refusing requests for access
- Details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access

2. Statutory requirements

Under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997 and the Skills and Post-16 Education Act 2022 we have a duty to provide pupils in Years 8-13 with access to providers of post-14, post-16 and post-18 education and training. This policy statement sets out how we manage access requests from these providers.

3. Student entitlement

All students in years 7 to 11 at Purbrook Park School are entitled to:

- Find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of our careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point
- Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships
- Understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses

4. Management of provider access requests

4.1 Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Kat Millmore-Davies – Careers Lead

Telephone: 023 9237 0351 Email: careers@purbrook.hants.sch.uk.

What are pupils entitled to?

Pupils in Years 8 to 13 are entitled to:

- Learn more about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of a careers programme which informs pupils of the full range of education and training options available to them at each transition point.
- Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities on offer, for example, technical education and apprenticeships – this can be achieved through options evenings, assemblies, group discussions, and taster events.
- Understand how to apply to the full range of academic and technical courses available to them.
All pupils in Years 8 to 13 will receive at least six encounters with accredited providers of technical education and apprenticeships. These encounters will be divided accordingly:
- During the first key phase (Year 8 to Year 9) all pupils must attend two mandatory sessions by accredited providers
- During the second key phase (Year 10 and 11) all pupils must attend two mandatory sessions by accredited providers

What opportunities are provided to allow access to pupils?

Via our school careers programme, we offer providers numerous opportunities throughout the school year to speak to pupils and/or their parents.

These sessions will be scheduled during the school's main opening hours.

The school offers the six provider encounters that are legally required – these are marked with bold text below – and a number of additional events.

Our current annual schedule of events is as follows:

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 7		NCW – What Career can this subject lead on to? (All subjects)	
Year 8		NCW – What Career can this subject lead on to? (All subjects)	Careers Roadshow – Meet Our Local Employers
Year 9		NCW – What Career can this subject lead on to? (All subjects)	Option subject - Affiliates Talks (Employer link)
Year 10		Work Experience	Post-16 Taster Days
Year 11		Can I go to Uni? Undergrad and Degree Apprenticeships - UoP	

During these sessions, at a minimum, providers will be given enough time to:

- Share information about the provider and the approved technical qualifications and apprenticeships they offer.
- Explain what career routes these qualifications and apprenticeships could lead to.
- Provide insights into what it might be like to learn or train with that provider.
- Answer pupils' questions.

Which providers have previously been invited to the school?

In previous terms and academic years, the school has invited the following providers to speak to pupils:

HSDC, City of Portsmouth College, EBP South, University of Portsmouth, NHS

Last year, our Year 11 pupils moved on to a range of providers in the local area after finishing school.

	Number	Percentage
Number of pupils	160	100%
Pupils staying in education for at least two terms after key stage 4	137	86%
Further education college or other further education provider	128	80%
Sixth-form college - state funded	2	1%
School sixth-form - state funded	7	4%
Other education destinations	0	0%
Pupils staying in apprenticeships for at least six months	6	4%

Who should providers contact to discuss events and options?

Providers can speak to our careers leader, Mrs K Millmore-Davies KMillmoreDavies@purbrook.hants.sch.uk to discuss possible attendance at relevant events.

Our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy sets out the school's approach to allowing providers into school to speak to our pupils.

What are the rules for granting and refusing access requests?

We will grant access requests that meet the following criteria:

Providers wish to ensure that young people, parents and carers are supported to develop the knowledge and understanding of all available routes at key transition points. That they are promoting all pathways, enabling young people to make informed and more confident decisions.

We will refuse any access request that does not meet the criteria above.

What can providers expect once a request has been accepted?

Once we have approved a provider, we will work with them to identify the best method for providing access to our pupils.

We will make the appropriate space/s available to host discussions between providers and pupils. We will also make presentation equipment, such as projectors and televisions, available to providers.

Arrangements will be discussed in advance between our Careers Leader and a nominated member of the provider's team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus and other relevant course literature with the Careers Leader

How are complaints regarding provider access managed?

If you have a complaint relating to the school's provider access arrangements, you can raise it in line with the school's Complaints Procedures Policy or you can contact The Careers and Enterprise Company directly on provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk.